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RESPONSE TO ACTION MAILED AUGUST 30, 2000,

Please amend the claims as follows (All claims, including unamended claims, are shown for the convenience of the examiner.):

Cancel claims 14 and 29 without prejudice.

1. (amended) A method comprising
identifying a [hierarchy] position in a space [defined by] associated with a hierarchy of nodes, the hierarchy comprising levels and locations within the levels, the space having at least two dimensions, each node being uniquely identifiable within the space by [values in the respective dimensions, including] a node level value identifying the node's [hierarchy] level in the hierarchy and a node-in-level value identifying the node's location uniquely among nodes in that level, and

the [hierarchy] position in the space being identified by a depth value comprising a node level value and an offset from that node level value and a position-in-level value comprising a node-in-level value and an offset from the node-in-level value; position values in the dimensions that are different from the node level and the node-in-level].

2. (amended) The method of claim 1 in which [one of the position values comprises a] the depth value offset comprises [in the form of] a non-integral number.

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